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Marketing and Regulatory Programs

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Agricultural Marketing Service

NOTICE

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As a result of an ongoing lawsuit in the United States Court of Federal Claims, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) has agreed to not award any contracts for raisins or raisin products until the court issues its decision in the case.

Furthermore, on April 28, 2005, the Raisin Administrative Committee withdrew its request for USDA to purchase 17,000 tons of raisins from its 2003/2004 reserve pool. Therefore, the following solicitations have been cancelled:

Announcement FV307, Invitation 004

Announcement FV307, Invitation 005

Announcement FV307, Invitation 006

Announcement FV307, Invitation 007

Announcement FV307, Invitation 008

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Sincerely,

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